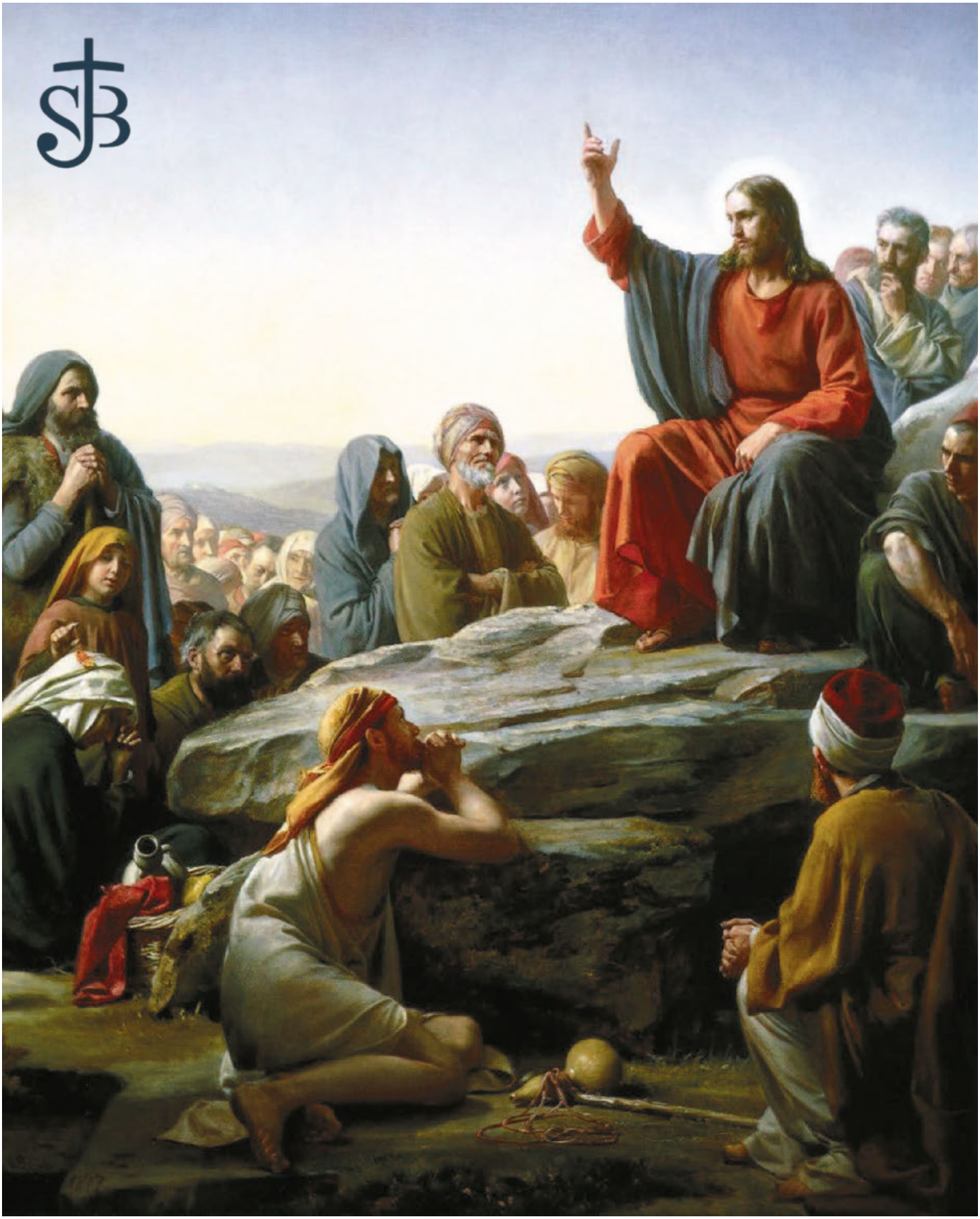

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Blessed Sunday to you all! This week in the readings, the Church teaches us many valuable lessons on prayer, a couple of which I will provide brief commentary on here.

First, prayer is not magic. It is not meant to make our problems and struggles in life disappear, but it can provide us with a great amount of strength and grace to face trials with Christian peace and joy. Our prayers can also, in a very mysterious way, influence the mind of God. While God is perfect and unchanging, the entreaties of Abraham on behalf of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah gradually shifted the stance of God toward the evil in these cities. Did God know this would happen? Certainly, because He knows all things. But it is important for us to keep in mind that our prayers not only change the way we relate to the world around us, but our prayers can also influence the way God intervenes with His power in the world. Our prayers can lead to miracles and healings and all sorts of other manifestations of divine power. Like Abraham, we can draw near to the Lord in expectant faith and, acknowledging His perfect justice and omnipotence, humbly ask for the desires of our hearts.

Jesus takes this lesson on prayer to the next level, teaching us the principles behind our intercessory prayer. Asking God for a particular grace or blessing is transformed in the new covenant as we come to understand God as our Father. By this revealed image of God, we can see that not only do we desire God to intervene in our lives by His grace and power, but even our Heavenly Father desires to pour out His grace and mercy upon us. But it is not just "good things" in general that the Father wants to give us, but rather the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the love of God and the life of God. This is what God wants us to have above all else—this life, which is given in Baptism, sealed in Confirmation, and strengthened by the Eucharist. When we ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit in faith, it is no exaggeration to say that the Father cannot say no to such a request.

In Christ,

Fr. Jack

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM
	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In Adoration Chapel

Tuesday 9:00 AM -5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM -9:00 PM
Friday 12:00 PM -5:00 PM

ALL NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday-1:00 PM through
Saturday 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

Healing the Whole Person

TUESDAY EVENINGS, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
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A PARISHIONER'S TESTIMONY

"The Lord gave me the grace to go back into painful memories with him and allow Him to bring healing and insight into areas that I have struggled with for years."

My journey toward Healing the Whole Person began when I asked the Lord why I did not seem to experience joy as I saw it in other people. I asked the Lord to teach me what the scripture John 10:10 meant—"I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance, to the full, until it overflows"—and to teach me what joy really was.

Through prayer, the Lord showed me that I was hiding within a hooded cloak and afraid to come out and let people see who I really was. I felt led to attend the Healing the Whole Person seminar. During the process, the Lord accompanied me through past experiences where I had been wounded and showed me why my emotions were so muted. He began to show me that He loved my emotions and treasured them. He showed me that they are gifts and that I did not need to be ashamed of them.

I am still on the journey of healing, but now I experience deeper emotions and am able to show those emotions to others. I feel lighter and more joyful, and peace is flowing like a river!

The Lord gave me a beautiful scripture, and through prayer showed me that I am now dressed in a beautiful cape:

"I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for He has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bride bedecked with jewels." —Isaiah 61:10

Healing the Whole Person teaches you to be curious and wonder "why?"—and to ask God to show you the why. God wants us to be whole and free so that we can love well. What an amazing gift!

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

FRIDAY, August 1st,
1pm
through
SATURDAY, August 2nd,
7:45am
in the Adoration Chapel

Scan here to sign up for All-Night Adoration in August!

THE SJBeat

IS ON PAUSE FOR THE SUMMER

The SJBeat will be taking a break in July and August, with events resuming in September.

In the meantime, we encourage you to stay connected—to one another and to the Lord—through prayer, community, and the many opportunities for grace this summer brings.

Enjoy the season, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!

MEN'S BREAKFAST,
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST,
WORSHIP NIGHT,
BIBLE STUDIES,
& HOLY BREWS
WILL RESUME
IN SEPTEMBER.

2025 MISSIONARY APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

On the weekend of August 2nd and 3rd, we will be visited by Fr. Daniel Sakka of Ghana, who will speak on behalf of St. Victor's Major Seminary. Established in 1946 by the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers), the seminary is dedicated to training native clergy to minister to their own communities in their local languages and cultural contexts. Fr. Sakka will be campaigning for support to help the seminary continue its vital mission of forming future leaders for service to the Church and humanity.

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE LORD'S PROVIDENCE IN THE SEARCH FOR NEW MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM

CAMPUS MINISTRY

JOIN ME IN MY MISSION!

My name is Scott Wells, and I recently discerned a call to become a Catholic missionary at St. John the Baptist. I'll be serving in outreach and evangelization on the campuses of WCC and EMU. Jesus has completely transformed and saved my life, and He has set my heart on fire to go and proclaim Him to college students.

As a Campus Ministry Missionary, some of the things I will be doing include:
— Leading the Campus Men's Ministry.
— Going on campus to invite students to events, talk with them about faith, and help facilitate encounters with Jesus Christ
— Leading our Campus Ministry Men's Household.

If you'd like to support me financially in this mission, please contact me for more information. Another very important way you can support me is through your prayers. Thank you in advance for your participation in my mission and for your generosity!

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Family Formation is for all families—whether your kids are infants, high schoolers, or in between. We meet every other Sunday (time TBD) during the school year to grow as disciples in community, together as a family.

Each evening includes:

- Family Praise & Worship
- Age-Specific Catechesis for kids and teens
- Adult Formation through talks and small group discussion
- Monthly at-home materials to support parents as the primary catechists of their children

Family Formation is an essential part of preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. All families are encouraged to participate—including those whose children attend Catholic school or homeschool. Many have found it offers a unique sense of community and discipleship beyond the classroom.

MORE THAN JUST LEARNING DOCTRINE, FAMILY FORMATION HELPS US WALK TOGETHER AND LIVE OUT OUR FAITH—AS FAMILIES, IN EVERYDAY LIFE.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a holy hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop - a “holy washing” (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

We would like to provide this ministry to both Fr. Dan and Fr. Jack. We need at least 6 more women to cover both of them in prayer. If you feel called to such prayer, contact SrMary@YpsiCatholic.org.

SACRISTANS NEEDED

We’re looking for more Sacristans to help with daily Masses. No experience necessary—training will be provided!

To serve in this meaningful way or to learn more, contact SrMary@YpsiCatholic.org.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY, SATURDAY NIGHT GATHERINGS

Our High School Ministry meets every two weeks on Saturday nights, here at SJB, downstairs in the Parish Life Center (PLC). These evenings are a great chance for high school students to connect with friends, grow in their faith, and have fun. Each night includes social time, a brief formation session, and praise and worship. All high school students are welcome—especially those who have recently received their Confirmation!

NEXT GATHERING,
SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH
7PM - 9PM
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

WILDFIRE MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY COMING SOON!

Summer sessions still to come:

Aug 4TH, 11TH, 18TH - Church History

NEW FALL SESSIONS! OUR "WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES CONTINUES...

The "What the Church Teaches" series is our answer to OCIA. Whether you're new and just exploring the Catholic faith or are a lifelong Catholic looking to go deeper, you're warmly invited to join us!

This fall, we'll dive into powerful and thought-provoking teachings, including the Sacraments, the Liturgy, Catholic moral teaching, Catholic social teaching, being Catholic in a secular world, and discerning God's plan for your life.

MONDAYS AT 6:30PM
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

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CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 16TH
REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 3RD
TUESDAYS AT 7-9PM
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SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to attend a preparation session and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

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Please call the office if you would like to add a name to the list of intercessions for healing or for men and women in the armed forces. Names will be removed after four weeks unless we receive a request to continue.

Remember also that our Book of Petitions is located in The Gathering Space. These intercessions are prayed for at every Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 28
12:15 PM: † Annmarie Brown & the Intentions of the Brown Family
Requested by Bridget Jobst

TUESDAY, JULY 29
8 AM: † Neil Richards
Requested by Liz Richards

TUESDAY, JULY 29
6 PM: † Kathleen Higgins & Int. of Higgins Family
Requested by Geralyn Hall

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30
8 AM: † Sean Willard
Requested by Natalie Klackle

THURSDAY, JULY 31
8 AM: † Felix Ofili
Requested by Mike Krell

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2
8 AM: † Scott Chiesa
Requested by Janet Chiesa

5 PM: † Frances Rybo
Requested by Rybo, Williams, & Malewitz Families

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3
9 AM: † Jack & Scott Mcclure
Requested by Carol Mcclure

11 AM: People of the Parish

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St. Ignatius of Loyola

Ignatius of Loyola was born in 1491 in northern Spain, the youngest of thirteen children. As a teenager, he was drawn to worldly pursuits—courtly love, gambling, and dreams of military glory. He left home to serve as a page for Juan Velazquez, the treasurer of Castile, and rose through the ranks to become an officer in the Spanish army. At 30, he was severely injured in the Battle of Pamplona, shattering his leg and confining him to bed for over a year.

During his long recovery at the family castle, Ignatius asked for his favorite romance novels to pass the time. None were available; instead, he was given books about Jesus and the saints. At first reluctantly, he began reading them. Over time, his fascination with heroic saints grew, replacing his earlier ambitions. Inspired by their lives, he felt called to abandon his former ways and dedicate himself fully to God. By March 1522, he was both physically healed and spiritually transformed.

He set off on a pilgrimage, stopping at the Shrine of Our Lady of Montserrat, where he held a night-long vigil, left his sword at the altar, and exchanged his fine clothes for a beggar's robe. He then lived for ten months in a cave near Manresa, fasting, praying, and writing what would become *The Spiritual Exercises*—a manual of prayers and meditations to help others deepen their relationship with God. His desire to become a priest intensified.

Because of his lack of formal education, he studied Latin with schoolboys in Barcelona before enrolling at the University of Alcalá. His fiery preaching drew crowds but also suspicion; the Inquisition imprisoned him twice for teaching without ordination. He later moved to the University of Paris, where he met Francis Xavier and Peter Faber. The three became close companions, and Ignatius introduced them to *The Spiritual Exercises*.

In 1534, they and four others took vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, forming the Society of Jesus, or the Jesuits. In 1539, they traveled to Rome to seek recognition as a religious order and added a fourth vow—obedience to the Pope regarding missionary work. In 1540, Pope Paul III officially recognized the Jesuits, and Ignatius was elected the first Superior General.

"Love ought to show itself in deeds more than in words."

In the last fifteen years of his life, the Jesuits expanded rapidly, growing from seven men to over a thousand. They founded schools and missions across Europe and beyond. Ignatius remained in Rome, serving the poor and sick, composing the Constitutions of the Society, and writing more than 7,000 letters to guide and support Jesuits around the world. He died on July 31, 1556, and is now honored as the patron saint of spiritual retreats, education, soldiers, and the Society of Jesus.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
AUGUST 2ND & AUGUST 3RD

SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM	SUNDAY 11:00AM
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SACRISTAN		
ADULT:	ADULT:	ADULT:
Need Volunteer	Lucy Shaw	Judy Ramirez
JUNIOR:	JUNIOR:	JUNIOR:
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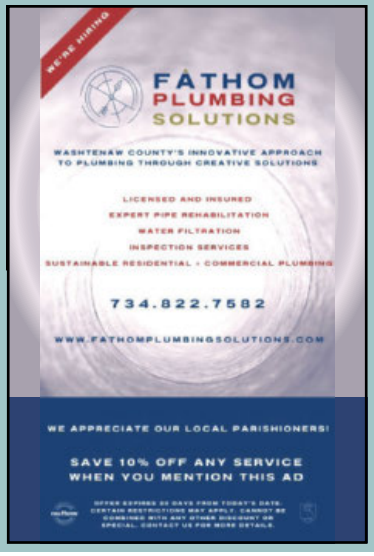

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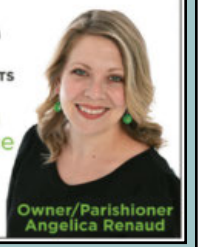
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